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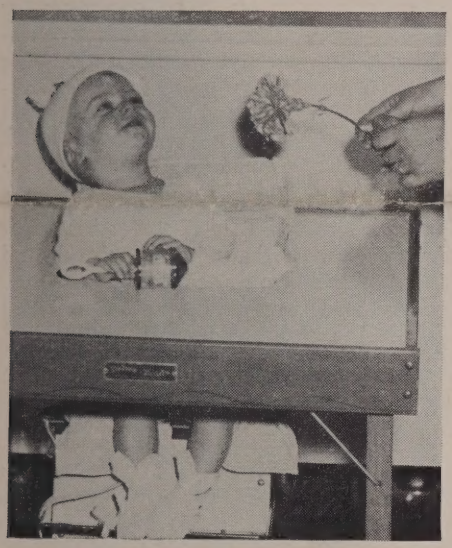

PAUL GUZZETTI

This is Paul Guzzetti, 7 months old, of 188 Lakeview Avenue, Cambridge, one of the youngest and best liked patients on our Pediatric Ward. The story of his admission and care at Beth Israel is an interesting example of the recent advances made in medical science. Admitted on December 24th, 1950, for influenzal meningitis, Paul was feeling well and his disease was under complete control on December 26th. This rapid recovery in itself would have been impossible ten years ago without such modern drugs as chloromycetin and streptomycin. At the time planned for Paul's discharge, examination showed enlargement of his head which necessitated further investigation. This revealed the presence of a collection of fluid over the brain which was diagnosed as a subdural effusion.

After a successful brain operation, Paul recovered quickly and soon was eating everything available and making new friends daily. With his infectious smile and sunny disposition he was a favorite with patients and nurses. He left the hospital on February 21st cured and happy to be back with his family.

Such cases as Paul's do not occur every day on our Pediatric Service, but thanks to the steady advance in medical knowledge the hospital is better able to serve the needs of the community.

CIVILIAN DEFENSE AT B. I.

If an emergency arises, the hospitals of Boston will be the "first line of defense." City, state and federal officials have recognized this fact and have requested the full cooperation of each and every hospital. Steps have already been taken and are continuing at present to prepare the Beth Israel Hospital for any disaster that may arise.

It is planned to have complete records concerning the blood type of all employees so that donors may be on hand readily in case of a catastrophe. Other plans for emergency power, light, water and heat are being formulated so that the hospital can continue to operate even under the most difficult circumstances.

However, the proper functioning of the hospital depends entirely upon the help of all available professional and non-professional personnel. Only if each employee realizes the importance of his individual contribution to this plan will it be successful. *You are needed*!

DID YOU KNOW?. . .

There are more than *6,000* hospitals in the United States.

Each year, *one out of every ten* of the nation's population is admitted to a hospital for care.

It requires almost *1,000,000* hospital employees to give this care in our hospitals.

The average patient spends *8.3* days in the general hospital of the U. S.

BETH ISRAEL HOSPITAL . . .

employs more than *800* full time and part time workers . . .

serves *9,000* patients in the hospital each year . . .

and has *60,000* visits to the Out Patient Department . . .

Uses more than *595,000* gallons of oil to produce the *67 million* pounds of steam consumed.

Uses in excess of *47 million* gallons of water every year.

Washes more than *2 tons* of linen *daily*.

Serves *840,000* meals yearly to our patients and employees.

Uses over *146,000* pounds of meat and poultry to prepare these meals.

CAROL BETH

Carol Beth, the daughter of Jacqueline and Philip Richmond, and our Department of Obstetrics are both celebrating their first birthday. Carol Beth was born March 1, 1950, and has the distinction of being the first baby delivered in the obstetrical unit of the hospital. A year has passed since that day, and Carol Beth has grown and, as you can see, is a beautiful girl. During the year following her birth, we have had 1558 infants born here, including 19 sets of twins — a total of 825 boys and 733 girls.

In the planning and construction of the Obstetrical Unit, we tried to incorporate all the features which would facilitate our giving the best quality of care to mother and child. Such a consideration as intercommunication between the nurses' stations and the patient's bedside has indeed proved well worth while in saving nurses time and adding to the general comfort and wellbeing of our patients. Other features which make the new mother's stay a little more pleasant are the availability of telephone service for those who wish it and the presence of a lavatory in each room. The rooms themselves with their pretty wallpaper and colorful drapes are a pleasing change from the traditional "hospital" look.

Thanks to our staff doctors, residents and nurses, our Obstetrical Department has grown from a newborn to an adult.

PERSONALITIES . .

BERTHA SMITH

Bertha, our first assistant pharmacist, is one of our oldest and most loyal employees. Trained for her work in Russia, she came to Boston and had her first introduction to the Beth Israel as a patient in the Out Patient Department. Bertha was hired in the pharmacy and recalls how completely different she found our pharmaceutical methods from those she had learned in Russia. However, she quickly adapted herself to her new job and was promoted in time to her position as first assistant.

Things have changed from the early days when she prepared 30 to 35 house prescriptions daily. Now she helps to prepare more than 300 a day.

Bertha is known and well remembered by the many nurses, aides and orderlies who come to the pharmacy each day. She always has a kind word and ready smile. It's an interesting thing to note how many old employees returning to the hospital drop in for a chat with Bertha.

The RECORD salutes Bertha Smith and wishes her many more happy years with the hospital.

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THE RECORD SHOWS

With March coming in like a lion and spring so near and yet so far, we think wistfully of MARGARET HICKS and SELMA BORNSTEIN, Nursing Department, who returned from a wonderful vacation spent touring France and Switzerland, and of BARBARA STERN, secretary in the Admitting Office, who is just back from two weeks in Miami with a tan to prove it; and those cards that come from MISS DOROTHY BRICKMAN, former Volunteer Director, that report of the exciting and fascinating trips she is taking. She is making Copenhagen, Denmark, her headquarters and reports that although she has been visiting many hospitals over there, none can compare . . .

Cupid, however, never seems to take a vacation, at least not around here. In January we had two weddings, ZELDA RAPPAPORT, Accounting, became Mrs. Jerome Robbins on January 4th, and SEENA WALLACE, Assistant Head Nurse, became Mrs. Ellis Morton on the 28th. February also was a big month for romance. On February 25th CLIFFORD MASON, Storeroom, and SHIRLEY FELDMAN, Information, became Mr. and Mrs. They have recently returned after spending their honeymoon in Washington, D. C. On February 25th also, BEA RUBIN, Food Clinic Dietitian, announced her engagement to Mr. Frank Yanowetz of Hartford, Connecticut. February brought wedding plans for the following nurses: HILDUR ENGLUND, Obs., who became engaged to Mr. Jack Kelleher, brother of Mrs. Miriam Keyes, Dr. Wilinsky's secretary; BETTINA KEEFE, Delivery Room Supervisor, whose fiance is Mr. Thomas Collins. March is keeping up the romantic record with the wedding of BEA SHERMAN, Operating Room Supervisor and Dr. Edward Frank of the Surgical Service taking place on March 15th. BARBARA GLAGOFSKY, Cafeteria Dietitian, announced her engagement this month to Mr. Arthur Cole of Elizabeth, New Jersey. Wedding plans are set for July 1. Just before going to press we learned that MISS BESSIE SCHLESS, Director of Social Service, is engaged to be married to Mr. Lester Dana of Boston. Mr. Dana is a graduate of Harvard University and a son of Samuel L. Dana, an Honorary Trustee of the Beth Israel Hospital. They plan to be married in May.

Service Notes: WAC PVT. PHYLLIS HUBBARD, former Food Supervisor, now taking basic training at Fort Lee, Virginia, reports that although the training is hard, she is thoroughly enjoying her new experience. Mrs. Virginia Muise, Food Supervisor in the Coffee Shop, reports that her son, P.F.C. John Muise, now in Korea with the 24th Infantry Division, has been awarded the Bronze Star for meritorious service. John has been in Korea since June of 1950. We join with her in the hope that he will be home soon. Beth Israel's latest additions to the armed services are JOHN CREAR, Storeroom, who reported March 7th to the Army and JOHN TOWSEY, Maintenance, who was recalled into the Navy.

Excitement reigned on February 13th, when the overseas telephone operator tried to reach MRS. MARION CROSS, Pathology technician. On Valentine's Day she received a call from Japan from her husband, Lt. J/G Richard Cross, whose ship is operating off Korean waters.

Our sympathies are extended to all victims of the flu, cold, bug or whatever you wish to call it. Whatever it was, it wasn't fun. Perhaps we should extend our sympathies to those healthy souls who carried on for us. They did a wonderful job seeing that the wheels kept going. Our thanks and appreciation to them.

VOLUNTEER NEWS

Beth Israel is proud to announce that we have the largest Grey Lady Corps in the Boston Metropolitan Chapter of American Red Cross. At present there are over eighty Grey Ladies working throughout the hospital, their combined services averaging a thousand hours a month.

Our Patients' Library Service is really developing into a worthwhile project, now that it is being sponsored by the Women's Auxiliary, and it is receiving the wholehearted support of the doctors and the Social Service Department. It will be carried on as a bibliotherapy service with the assistance of Doctors Hyman Morrison, Harry Savitz and Grete Bibring of the hospital staff as well as the splendid group of Grey Ladies on the service and Miss Schless, Director of Social Service.

Current books and magazines are very much needed both in the hospital and out-patient department. If you belong to a bridge club which would like to help, you might ask if they would like to supply the library with a magazine or book-of-the-month subscription. Please address all queries to Mrs. Leslie A. Pike, Chairman of the Patients' Library, in care of Volunteer Service, and we will be glad to see that she gets all communications.

In the meantime, our department is ready to serve your every need. If you desire assistance, just call VOLUNTEER SERVICE!

"COURTESY" CAN BE MADE A HABIT

"Any institution is a world in itself, with its own values and even its own technical language. A hospital, however, is even more sharply differentiated from life in general than is a museum, for instance, or a bank. Most of those who come to see us are in distress, physical or mental. They are not themselves.

"All our visitors may not appear wild-eyed and frantic, but often their self-control has been tried by the onslaught of strong emotion. The very names of diseases that are routine to us may be a stab in the heart to them. We dare not, could not, take all this suffering to ourselves, but we must allow for its dreadful impact on those immediately concerned. Fortunately, all cases are not so desperate, but always it is our part to be more considerate to our public than the public may at times seem to deserve. We may never know, until we are in the same unhappy situation, how much a little touch of human kindness can mean, but it really does have value. People may *seem* not to notice, but they *do*.

"Here we might pause over the proverbial 'It isn't what you say, it's how you say it.' Then, again, 'It isn't what you do but how you do it.' The tone of one's voice is extremely important. After all, we are not simply cogs in a machine to repair bodies. We are representatives of an institution dedicated to increasing human welfare. If we cannot show a certain modicum in the cases under our care by some slight warmth in our voices and manner we should be at work on the assembly line or among dusty books.

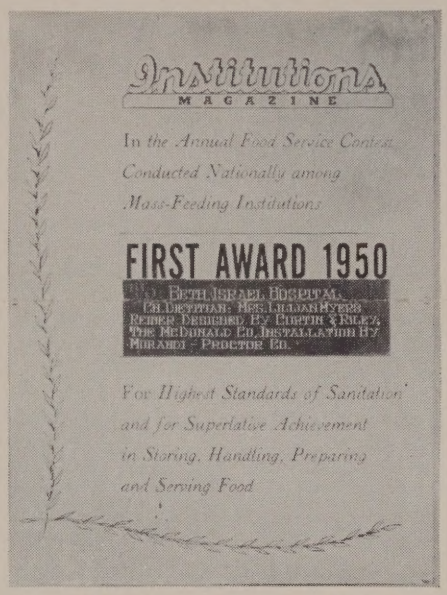
"Let us hope, too, that our courtesy can spring from a genuine liking for people. The smile that hovers on the lips but leaves the eyes cold say no more than do some of the vapid Hollywood masterpieces in glorious technicolor —precisely nothing. A person can usually sense it, when a pleasant manner is only a mask. Yet there are occasions when a superficial courtesy is all that can be expected. Our own lives may be more involved than we might wish.

"Courtesy can be made a habit like any other. While we are strengthening this habit, why not practice it on our fellow workers? For one thing, we should then be making our own way smoother. The natural reaction to courtesy is more courtesy. For another, tact and affability can prevent any misunderstanding, with its consequent wear and tear on us as well as on all others involved."

Copied from Mercy Hospital News, Hamilton, Ohio

DIETARY NOTES

This plaque was given to Beth Israel as a first award for our kitchen installation by Institutions Magazine. Our Dietary Department, which celebrated its first year of operation in its new quarters on February 6th, is justifiably proud of this recognition in a nationwide contest.



Recently our nation observed Brotherhood Week, the theme of which was Brotherhood in Action. Nowhere does a finer example of brotherhood exist than in our own Dietary Department, where all creeds, colors and nationalities working side by side provide the thousands of meals necessary to feed our hospital family. Our recently acquired New Americans have added much needed strength to our department and have taken their places beside our many faithful old and new employees, combining their efforts toward a common goal — truly Brotherhood in Action.

Our Christmas party was a huge success. Entertainment at the party proved the dietary employees a reservoir of hitherto hidden talent. The ability of Adrianne Ricles (Dietitian in charge of our semi-private service) as a ballet dancer catapulted her into a leading part in the show, "Yesterday, Today and Tomorrow" being produced by the Beth Israel Women's Auxiliary.

Mrs. Lillian Reiner, Director of Dietetics, has been appointed Co-Chairman of Emergency Feeding in Hospitals for Civilian Defense in the Health Service Division of the City of Boston.

COPY, PLEASE!

With the inauguration of the "new look" of the Beth Israel RECORD, employees and friends of the hospital are reminded that news and suggestions may be left at the Personnel Office.

CONSTRUCTION

Most of us thought that with the completion of the new South Wing our construction program was complete. However, alterations and new building have continued at a rapid pace. A brief summary of these activities are listed:

NURSES HOME

The new addition to the nurses' home, constructed by the Canter Construction Company, is now virtually complete. This new building has 70 rooms for graduate nurses and includes such features as a small kitchenette on each floor, built-in telephone booths and laundry chute. In the basement of the addition some very attractive rooms have been built for recreation; a library, a game room and a large social hall.

SURGICAL RESEARCH BUILDING

This building, contracted for by the Eisenberg-Marden Corporation, should be ready for occupancy during the month of April. The addition to the research facilities of the hospital is designed specifically for animal housing and surgical research. A great need for such a building has been felt for many years and now, with some governmental assistance, the building has been made possible. Every effort to have a sanitary and pleasant laboratory has been made, with special waterproof floors and air conditioning.

OUT PATIENT BUILDING ALTERATIONS

Amidst great clouds of dust and crashing of demolition, the Out Patient Building too is in the process of alteration. Four individual projects are under way. A new Dental Department, with six dental chairs plus x-ray and conference rooms is being constructed in part of the old x-ray department on the 3rd floor of the Out Patient building. The other side of the building is being reconstructed for the new Psychiatry Department quarters. In the basement of the same building, two more projects are being completed in the old medical research rooms. First, a new Physiotherapy section is planned, and secondly new and enlarged quarters for the Food Clinic. Both of these projects will go far towards meeting the problem of overcrowded rooms.

JOB COMPLETED

With the completion of the last two sections of alterations — x-ray and Clinical laboratories — the Volpe Construction Company has virtually ended its job at Beth Israel. Moving into the new laboratories and x-ray department has brought welcome relief to these services. The quarters represent the latest design and have made possible much more efficient operation.

NURSES NOTES

The new Nurses' Home addition is now occupied by the Graduate Nursing Staff. It is a very cheerful home and we are all delighted with its lovely furnishings. The students are looking forward to the day when the recreation room will be ready for occupancy and there are many plans for its future use.

A very pleasant Valentine's Dance was held in the Nurses' Home on February 17th. A student committee took care of the decorations and the usual excellent refreshments were served by the Women's Auxiliary. We are most fortunate in having the aid of this committee in running our dances.

Capping was held on Wednesday, February 28th, and we now have eighteen new nurses in our school. They will prove a welcome assistance on the wards of the hospital.

Twelve students entered the school on January 30, 1951. After meeting the Director of the School and their instructors, they were given a tea in the Nurses' Home. This enabled the students and their parents to meet the faculty, graduates and the other students in the school.

The Beth Israel Hospital Nurses Alumnae Association hold their annual dance on April 7th in the Princess Ballroom of the Hotel Somerset. This year they are inviting the graduating class as their guests.

At the Annual Meeting of the Beth Israel Hospital Nurses Alumnae elections were held. Our new officers are:

Mrs. Katherine Wall, *President*
Miss Ruth Freedman *Vice-President*
Miss Charlotte Siegal *Rec. Sec'y.*
Mrs. Eliza Brillard *Corr. Sec'y.*
Mrs. Rae Silin *Treasurer*

We have many very active alumnae committees and know we are going to have a very eventful year.

The Scholarship Fund of the alumnae is anxious to hear from any of the graduates who are desirous of continuing their studies. Please forward your applications to Miss Evelyn Rosen, Chairman of the Scholarship Fund.

Our Obstetrical Department is a very busy one, and many of our alumnae have been in as patients. All were happy with the care they received and pleased with the surroundings.

Cupid has been very busy in the Nursing Department. MISS BEATRICE SHERMAN, Operating Room Supervisor who left March 5th to be married, was replaced by MISS DORIS DONOVITZ. We were sorry to see Miss Sherman leave, but feel very sure Miss Donovitz will be a very able supervisor. MISS SELMA BORNSTEIN is taking over the Operating Room teaching.

WOMEN'S AUXILIARY NEWS

Committee in charge of production for Silver Jubilee Luncheon of Beth Israel Hospital Women's Auxiliary. Standing, back row (left to right): Mrs. Jack London, General Program Chairman; Mrs. George Rabb, Production Chairman; Mrs. Gregory Roisen, a Vice-Chairman. Seated (left to right): Mesdames Irving Zussman, William Giddon, Ira I. Nelson, Peter Kranz, Vice-Chairmen. Other Vice-Chairmen not pictured are Mesdames Isaac Alberts, Julius Robbins and Edward Rose.

AUXILIARY CELEBRATES SILVER ANNIVERSARY

Twenty-five years of progress in Beth Israel Hospital Women's Auxiliary was depicted in "Yesterday, Today and Tomorrow," a sparkling musical revue which was presented at the three-day Silver Jubilee Luncheon held on March 21, 22, and 23 at the Hotel Statler.

Lee Daniels, of the Schillinger House School of Music, whose past theatrical productions have been widely acclaimed, reached a new high note in his musical compositions set to enchanting lyrics by Nat Hoffman.

Enthusiasm and a gay spirit of camaraderie were present when the large cast, consisting of members of the Senior and Junior Auxiliaries, met to rehearse at the Schillinger House, through the courtesy of Lawrence Berk. The dancing chorus, under the direction of choreographer Miss Diane Cohen, was selected for beauty and grace. It was very difficult to distinguish the youthful grandmothers from the young matrons as they kicked and whirled in a flurry of pretty legs. Talent was in great evidence as the lovely voices of the earnest songstresses sang out the story of the past quarter century of growth and development of Beth Israel Hospital Women's Auxiliary.

Among the many very colorful numbers in the show were a humorous skit based on a true incident in the Thrift Shop and a snappy BIB number describing the Auxiliary's latest project, "Beth Israel Babies" Alumnae Association, with the dancing "babies" dressed in adorable bib costumes. A hospital ward during the High Holidays was the background for the most hauntingly beautiful melody in the show, "Bless the Candles."

MISS BETTINA KEEFE and MISS HILDUR ENGLUND are both looking most happy and receiving congratulations on their recent engagements. We are glad to say they are both staying with us.

MISS WINIFRED KELLY is on leave of absence taking a year of study at Boston University. When she returns, she will have her B.S. in Nursing Education. MISS GLORIA SPECK, who received her degree in January at Boston University, is now a member of our supervisory staff.

MISS BEATRICE LEMAY will be leaving us shortly for the Armed Services. She will be a member of the U. S. Navy Nursing Corps.

We are all looking forward to graduation, which is fast approaching.